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Below is a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

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ADVISORY ACTION

THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE:

- a) is extended to run _____ or continues to run 3 months from the date of the final rejection
b) expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.

Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.

- Appellant's Brief is due in accordance with 37 CFR 1.192(a).

Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed 2/3/63 has been considered with the following effect, but it is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:

1. The proposed amendments to the claim and /or specification will not be entered and the final rejection stands because:
 - a. There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.
 - b. They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note).
 - c. They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note).
 - d. They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.
 - e. They present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

2. Newly proposed or amended claims _____ would be allowed if submitted in a separately filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.

3. Upon the filing an appeal, the proposed amendment will be entered will not be entered and the status of the claims will be as follows:

Claims allowed: _____

Claims objected to: 8, 9

Claims rejected: 4, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 19

However:

Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s): _____

4. The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the rejection because _____
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5. The affidavit or exhibit will not be considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficient reasons why it was not earlier presented.

The proposed drawing correction has has not been approved by the examiner.

Other

Art Unit: 1742

1) Clarify wording of Final Rejection--

If one carries out a process as defined in the claims of the '885 patent, then one necessarily carries out a process as defined in the present claims. In the '885 claims, one treats a "two inches deep opposite portion" of a die block, and if one does so, one necessarily treats a "block tool steel workpiece" as done in the instant claims. Instant claim 19 is even broader in scope, requiring only that one treat a "tool steel workpiece".

2) Difference(s) in hardness of treated material--

Instant claims do not in any way limit the hardness of material treated by the claimed process, either overall hardness of the treated material or the hardness of any portion thereof.

3) Filing date of present application versus '885 patent--

The relative filing dates of the present application and of the patent whose claims are being applied in the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are not relevant, in the absence of administrative delay. In the present case, the delay was on the part of Applicant, as evidenced by the petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned application filed December 16, 1999 (Paper no. 14).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Wyszomierski whose telephone number is (703) 308-2531. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King, can be reached on (703) 308-1146. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9310 for all correspondence except for After Final amendments in which case the Fax number is (703) 872-9311. The Right fax number for this examiner is (703) 872-9039. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

GPW
February 18, 2003



GEORGE WYSZOMIERSKI
PRIMARY EXAMINER